

TOWN OF SHADELAND
Town Council Meeting
January 13, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

Council members present: Michael Kuipers, David Downey, Dave Vanderkleed, Robert Morrison, Jr, Steven Tobias, Steven Zehring, Charlene Brown, Clerk-Treasurer and Stu Weliever, Town Attorney. Tim absent.

The meeting was called to order by Mike Kuipers at 7:00 PM at the Shadeland Town Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Char

Organization of Officers

David D made the motion, Steve Tobias seconded the motion to keep the officers the same as they were in 2026. All in favor.

Mike made the following appointments to committees:

- Fire Committee – Mike Kuipers, Steve Tobias
- Parks Committee – Steve Zehring, Dave Vanderkleed, Bob Morrison
- Planning Committee – John Hack, Sr, Josh Shives, Tim Balensiefer, David Downey, Robert Morrison
- Roads – David Downey, Mike Kuipers
- Redevelopment – Tim Balensiefer, Steve Zehring, Steve Tobias, Lloyd Leamon, Janet Sheets, Connie Harper was designated by TSC as a non-voting member.

Approval of minutes

Stu had a revision to the December 9, 2025 minutes. Stu had already prepared the letter. Steve Tobias made the motion, Dave V seconded to approve the minutes with the correction, all in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Claims for the meeting were presented in the amount of \$603,228.57. There were no questions. Dave V made the motion, Steve Z seconded, all in favor.

Dave V reviewed records for December 2025. No one had any questions. Dave V made the motion, Steve Z seconded to approve December 2025 financials, all in favor.

Char presented the 2025 Annual report for approval. David D made the motion to table the discussion on the 2025 Annual report. He indicated members of the public may have questions on items in the report. Char stated she is happy to answer any questions anyone has, however requested if there were no changes to be made she'd appreciate the Council's approval so she can proceed with the year end process and begin 2026 processes. Motion died for lack of

second. Bob made the motion to approve the 2025 Annual Report, Dave V seconded. Bob, Steve T, Steve Z, Dave V voted to approve, David D. opposed, motion carried.

Char presented Resolution 2026-01 – Encumbrances for approval. Included in this is 2025 appropriations for the CCMG Grant, brine related items, and the fire truck. Steve Z made the motion, Steve T seconded, all in favor.

Char presented Resolution 2026-02 – Transfers of Appropriations. Char explained it was a standard year end resolution. Steve T made the motion, Dave V seconded, all in favor.

Char also presented her Public Official Bond for approval. This is an annual renewal. The bond is for \$90,000 and is based on the 2025 receipts. Bob made the motion, Steve Z seconded, all in favor.

Ken Smith – Project Manager

The demolition project is complete and we are working towards the grant close out.

CCMG 2025-01 – this is nearly complete. We have a request to move a fence from it's current location to go straight along the road. Currently there is an access to the culvert in the event the Town needs access. Steve T made the motion, Bob seconded, to leave the access as it is. All in favor.

Further, once the utilities are finally located, the guardrail on Lilly Road can be put in.

Highway Department

Tom gave the highway report. The brine applicator is being used for pre-treating the roads. We anticipate an active snow season.

David D asked if the council, or public, has suggestions for road crack sealing, striping, or repairs for consideration please let Tom or David D know.

Park Committee

There was no parks committee meeting in December. Steve Z thanked the committee for their efforts towards improving the park. They are also working on specifications for bids for improvements.

Planning Report

There was no planning report for December, however we do have a new 2026 Stormwater agreement for consideration with Christopher B Burke. David D made the motion, Dave V seconded, all in favor to approve Christopher B Burke's agreement for MS4 services.

Fire report

Allen gave the fire report. The trucks are currently going in for maintenance. A small group went to Florida to see the new Fire Truck.

Citizen Comments

Ken Stacy asked the Town Council to change the nuisance ordinance to lower the noise complaint level to the City of Lafayette's level bringing it from 90 decibels to 66 decibels. He further noted that 85 decibels is considered harmful.

Kevin Walters expressed his gratitude to the Fire Department for their response of a small fire they had at their home. They were helpful in keeping the fire from becoming much worse.

Council Comments

Mike indicated that the new Fire Truck is ready to be shipped. Stu indicated he and Char have had discussion about her reservations regarding the purchase. Char indicated the recent guidance from the State Board of Accounts suggests that Sourcewell may not be in compliance with IC 5-22. She has attempted to get proper bidding documents from Sourcewell, and it appears they do not have the required documentation. Stu previously prepared a letter and stated he believes that Shadeland can legitimately use Sourcewell under these circumstances, and the council can over ride the Clerk-Treasurer's objection. Stu further indicated the State of Indiana and several municipalities use Sourcewell, and we also have a resolution adopted authorizing the use of Sourcewell. It was further requested the Town Council approve the payment prior to receipt of the vehicle. Char indicated if the Council chooses to continue on with this purchase, she will be paying it under duress due to lack of bid documents that she believes are necessary for the purchase and the Council shouldn't be approving payment prior to delivery of the truck. Steve T indicated he understood other municipalities use it, and with our attorney's earlier opinion letter, Steve T made the motion to pay for the truck, Bob M seconded. David D asked what the worst-case repercussions of approving the purchase was. Stu indicated that there could be an audit comment in our report, but he didn't think the State Board of Accounts would go so far as to make Shadeland officials individually responsible for the purchase. Char requested a roll call vote. David D, Dave V, Bob, Steve Z, Steve T, and Mike in favor.

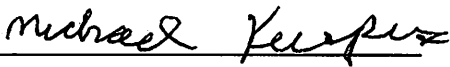
David D and Mike inquired about completing mileage claim form. Do the employees need to put down the street address on the form. Stu indicated if they know where they are going, they should put the address down as a method of documenting where they drove to.

Char shared the invoice of the Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. Stu suggested tabling it until next month when Tim could be present.

Stu asked about the fencing at Shadeland Estates. He has not, and Char confirmed she has not received anything from the Owners regarding the fence. The next step is to issue a formal Notice to Abate. Steve T made the motion, David D seconded, all in favor of issuing a Notice to Abate. This notice will need to be signed by the Town Council, so it will be prepared for the next meeting.

David D made the motion, Steve Z seconded, all in favor to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Approved:



Michael Kuipers

Tim Balensiefer

Robert Morrison, Jr.



David Vanderkleed



Steven Tobias

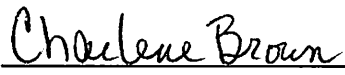


David Downey

Attest:



Steve Zehring



Charlene Brown, Clerk-Treasurer